



# Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Room 2112, David C. Briegel

8 a.m. Regular Meeting

## General Business

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Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on April 12, 2023 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was convened at 8:00 a.m. by Board Chairman Tom Jerdon.

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Bill White, Becky Moore, Beth Cripe, Dr. Elaine Foster, Tracy Hertsel, Keith McKenzie

Members Absent: none

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the March 8, 2023 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Keith McKenzie moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

One individual was recognized for their service at the College:

Ms. Caroline Price was recognized for her years of service and Keith McKenzie presented her with a 5-year pin.

## Public Input

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No Individual requested to speak.

## Other

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The Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2023 was received and placed on file.

Dr. Odenwald gave his President's Report. Dr. Odenwald shared with the Board of Trustees that he was optimistic about enrollment for fall 2023 based on many factors including faculty and staff, athletics, class offerings both online and classroom, student experience and continued momentum.

## Discussion Items

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Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation, with fourteen individual donations for a grand total in the amount of \$89,400.

## Action Items

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Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, to accept the retirement of Trustee Keith McKenzie with regret. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to accept with gratitude the gift to the College shown in attachment 5B, with one individual donation to the College in the amount of \$300. Motion passed unanimously.

## Closed Session

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Tom Jerdon stipulated: The Board of Trustees is scheduled to consider and review items in connection with the negotiation of Collective Bargaining Agreement which is covered by Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act that necessitates closed session. A motion made by Beth Cripe and supported by Tracy Hertsel to move into closed session. There was no discussion. Beth Cripe took an individual roll call vote on the motion with Tom Jerdon, Todd Obren, Tracy Hertsel, Becky Moore, Dr. Elaine Foster voting yes. Entered closed session at 8:29 a.m.

Following the end of discussion in closed session, Becky Moore made the motion to reconvene in open session seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster. Motion passed unanimously at 9:01 a.m.

## Review of Follow-up Requests

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No follow-up requests were made of the administration.


## Adjournment

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Becky Moore moved to adjourn at 9:03 a.m. Tracy Hertsel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



Beth Cripe, Secretary



Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman